

CLAIMS

1. An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

5 displaying a plurality of items on the display panel;

setting a desired item which is selected from the plurality of items;

10 displaying a setting screen corresponding to the desired item which is selected; and

setting the desired item by using the setting screen,

15 wherein a function for displaying the setting screen when one of the keys is operated is assigned to at least one of the plurality of keys.

2. The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein when one of two paired functions is assigned to one of the plurality of keys, a message which prompts a user to assign the other of the two
20 paired functions to the key appears.

3. The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein when one of two paired functions is assigned to one of the plurality of keys, the other of the paired functions is automatically assigned to the
25 key.

4. The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a sequence of operations that a user

has preformed are stored and stored operations are assigned to one of the plurality of keys.

5. The electronic device as set forth in claim 1, wherein functions assigned to two keys of the plurality of keys are changed with each other.

6. An electronic device having a display panel and a plurality of keys to which desired functions can be assigned, comprising:

displaying a plurality of items on the display panel;

setting a desired item which is selected from the plurality of items;

displaying a setting screen corresponding to the desired item which is selected; and

setting the desired item by using the setting screen,

wherein a function for displaying the setting screen for items that are not included in the plurality of items when one of the keys is operated is assigned to at least one of the plurality of keys.

7. The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein when one of two paired functions is assigned to one of the plurality of keys, a message which prompts a user to assign the other of the two paired functions to the key appears.

8. The electronic device as set forth in claim 6, wherein when one of two paired functions is

assigned to one of the plurality of keys, the other of the paired functions is automatically assigned to the key.

9. The electronic device as set forth in claim 6,

5 wherein a sequence of operations that a user has preformed are stored and stored operations are assigned to one of the plurality of keys.

10. The electronic device as set forth in claim 6,

10 wherein functions assigned to two keys of the plurality of keys are changed with each other.

11. A method of assigning desired functions to a plurality of keys, comprising the steps of:

displaying a plurality of items and selecting a desired item from the plurality of items; and

15 selecting a key to which a function is assigned from the plurality of keys,

wherein a function which has been selected at the function selecting step and which can be set on a menu is assigned to the key selected at the key selecting step.

20 12. A method of assigning desired functions to a plurality of keys, comprising the steps of:

displaying a plurality of items and selecting a desired item from the plurality of items; and

25 selecting a key to which a function is assigned from the plurality of keys,

wherein a function which has been selected at

the function selecting step and which is other than functions which can be set on a menu is assigned to the key selected at the key selecting step.